

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on January 19, 2007 at 3:23 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Cobb (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 81, 1/12/2007; SB 124,  
1/12/2007

Executive Action:

00:00:03

**HEARING ON SB 81**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:46 **SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT (D), SD 11**, opened the hearing on **SB 81**, Include licensed psychologists as statutory providers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:53 Dr. Patrick Davis, Psychologist, Great Falls

00:04:23 Dr. Michael Butz, Billings

00:06:01 George Watson, Chair, Board of Psychologists

00:06:35 Dr. Gary Mihelish, President, NAMI

00:07:28 Dr. Donna Zook, Great Falls

00:08:17 Mike Barrett, Helena

00:11:56 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

00:12:49 Dr. Vincent River, Clinical Psychologist, Polson

00:13:25 Dr. Hugh Black, Ph.D, Helena

00:13:53 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program

00:14:28 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals in Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:15:23 Lou Thompson, Mental Health Service Bureau

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:48 Sen. John Esp to Lou Thompson

00:16:47 Sen. John Esp to Sen. Trudi Schmidt

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:02 Sen. Trudi Schmidt closed on the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 124**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:17 SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 124, Cost for state hospital forensic commitment for court-ordered exam.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:40 Laurie Lamson, DPHHS

**EXHIBIT** (phs13a01)

00:23:30 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court

**EXHIBIT** (phs13a02)

00:27:04 Ed Amberg, Montana State Hospital, Warm Springs

00:28:38 Harry Frebourn, Administrative Officer, Office of State Public Defender

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:38 Sen. John Esp to Lois Menzies

00:31:16 Sen. Esp to Ed Amberg, Montana State Hospital

00:31:41 Sen. Kim Gillan to Sen. Dan Harrington

00:32:16 Sen. Kim Gillan to Lois Menzies

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:45 Sen. Harrington closed on the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([phs13aad.pdf](#))**